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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN CHICAGO

ON September 1, headquarters of the American Library Association were opened in the Chicago Public Library building. On the following day the first official meetings were held there, when the Executive and Publishing Boards of the Association convened.

Members of these Boards and librarians who have visited the new offices have been pleased at the commodious, attractive quarters which have been placed at the disposal of the Association through the generosity of the trustees of the Chicago Public Library. The splendidly lighted room 60 by 50 feet in size is sufficient to give all the space needed for the office work. Additional room for storage purposes was provided for the Association by the Public Library. In response to a request from the Chicago Library Club, the Secretary of the Association submitted a list of furnishings needed at headquarters, and the Library Club proposes to supply these.

The advent of a new enterprise aroused much interest in the newspapers, clubs and business organizations of Chicago and vicinity. Information regarding the Association and its work appeared in print, and unusual courtesies were extended to headquarters representatives by

the Chicago Association of Commerce, Chicago Press Club and other organizations.

The Rotary Club, representing over 200 lines of business activity, invited the Secretary to attend the club's autumn banquet and speak of the Association and its work. A similar invitation was extended by the City Club of Chicago. The Secretary spoke briefly of the Association at the Chicago Commons and Chicago Library Club. Cordial greetings have been extended to the A. L. A. by numerous organizations, many of which have no connection with library work.

Correspondence at the executive office has been heavy, many letters having been received which asked for advice in library matters. Help has been given, but when possible, those wanting assistance have been directed to the Library Commissions, State Libraries and other State institutions which can give direct aid.

The removal of executive offices from Boston to Chicago will not mean the lessening in any way those close connections which have always existed between headquarters and library activities in New England and the East. It promises to mean in addition to these connections,

closer relations between the Association and the increasing library activities in the West and South.

Library workers from the West and South who have never been members of the Association have called at headquarters. Some idea of the interest these sections of the country have in the new executive offices may be had by the requests that in October the Secretary meet with library organizations in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Kentucky, and before the end of 1909, in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and North Carolina.

A cordial invitation is extended to library workers everywhere to visit headquarters whenever they are in the vicinity of Chicago.

THE ASSOCIATION AT STATE LIBRARY MEETINGS

For the last three years the A. L. A. has been represented officially at state library association meetings in the Middle West. Upon request of nine state associations this year, the A. L. A. was represented at the following:

Minnesota-Wisconsin, Duluth, September 16-18.

Michigan library association, Saginaw, October 6-8.

Iowa library association, Des Moines, October 12-14.

Nebraska library association, Beatrice, October 19-21.

Kansas library association, Ottawa, October 20-21.

Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio library association, Louisville, October 20-22.

At the Minnesota-Wisconsin library meeting Mr Henry E. Legler represented the Association and spoke on American library conditions.

Mr N. D. C. Hodges, President of the A. L. A., represented the Association at the Michigan and Iowa meetings, where he gave addresses. His Iowa address on

October 13 was on "The use of lantern slides." Mr Hodges also attended the tri-state meeting at Louisville and gave greetings from the A. L. A.

Mr Chalmers Hadley, Secretary of the A. L. A., was its representative at the Iowa meeting, October 12, and the Nebraska meeting, October 19. The subject of his remarks, "The librarian and the trustee," was suggested by the state associations.

The Kansas library association requested that "Public documents," be discussed by an A. L. A. representative, and Mr Malcolm G. Wyer, librarian of the University of Iowa library, was asked to speak on this subject, which he did most acceptably.

At the tri-state meeting of the Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio library associations, held at Louisville, Mr Henry E. Legler represented the A. L. A. and led in the important discussion of library commission work at the last session. Governor Augustus E. Willson of Kentucky presided at this public meeting when Mr Legler spoke on "The field and function of a Commission."

In addition to being represented officially at these state library association meetings, the work of the A. L. A. was spoken of by the Secretary before the Illinois and Iowa library associations. Miss Florence Whittier of the executive office was in attendance at the Missouri library association meeting and was asked to speak of the work at headquarters and of the A. L. A. publications.

At all the meetings, representatives of the A. L. A. were welcomed with great cordiality, and every effort was made to have their visits pleasant and profitable. They endeavored to deepen the loyalty and interest of library workers in the A. L. A. and its work. The responses to their remarks, whether formal or informal, bespoke the deep interest of the state associations and individual members in the welfare of the A. L. A.